

Sources Checklist

Consider the following information to determine the reliability, validity, and accuracy of a source. Use the space below the questions to explain your answers.

Yes **No**

Does the source contain relevant information that answers your research question?

Is the source a primary or secondary source of information? If the source is secondary, is it without bias and misunderstandings?

Is the source an expert on the subject? What are the author's credentials in relation to the topic?

Does the author belong to an organization? What is the author's purpose?

Does the author support his or her points with facts, statistics, quotations and relevant examples?

Is the information written by an organization? If yes, what additional information do you know about the organization that makes it reliable?

Is the information accurate? Does the source give valid facts and details that are understandable?

Is the information fair and complete? Is the information unbiased and objective and tells both sides of the story?

Is the information current? Was the information published recently?